

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by marked up replacement paragraph(s) as follows.

At page 18, please replace the second and third full paragraphs, from lines 9 through 28 with the following:

-- A scale of the invention also includes those that can compute prices. Price computing scales (4) can accept as input a portion of food and the food's code. The device can then produce an output (via display or print) of the portion's weight and price. To calculate the food's price, the device can access (5) a table (in its internal software or the store's ERP) (6) to find the food's price per unit weight, and then multiply this number by the weight on the scale. See FIG. 15B. In addition, the device can add portion prices to arrive at the total price. Such devices (7) can further be integrated (8) with other devices, such as size reduction machines (for example, slicers, shredders, dicers, etc.) (9), label printers (10) or cash registers (11).

According to the present invention, such devices (4) can be adapted (5) to produce as ~~out~~ ~~put~~ output the caloric content of the food being weighed by ~~accesses~~ accessing the internal software of the device or the ERP of the store (6). See FIG. 15B. More specifically, this can be implemented by adding weight-calorie conversions to the table used by the device (either internally or as part of the store's ERP). Such devices (7) can further add the caloric content of two or more packages and, optionally, be integrated (8) with ~~other~~ devices, such as size reduction machines (for example, slicers, shredders, dicers, etc.) (9), label printers (10) or cash registers (11), as described above. These integrated devices (9, 10, 11) can also access (12) and display caloric-based information by using their internal software or the store's ERP (13). See FIG. 15C.--

At page 19, please replace the fourth full paragraph, from lines 19-24, with the following:

-- In yet another aspect of the invention, there is provided a plurality of labels or tables. ~~These~~ This plurality of labels or tables provides pieces of information about a plurality of different foods, such as foods in a package or other enclosure. Preferably, this information is the caloric content of the serving and package. More preferably, the caloric content is pre-determined and one or more nutritional ingredients is listed per this pre-determined amount of calories.--